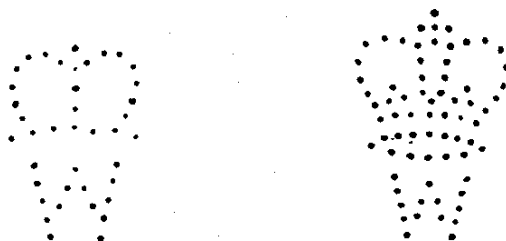


AN UNKNOWN MISCREANT

by Betty Lucas



The above designs have not yet been identified with their user, but it is fair to assume that they both were used by the same establishment. I have seen the first on the 2½d Jubilee Issue (SG 201) with a London District Office postmark (No. 11 - Chelsea) and the second on the 1902 King Edward VII series (SG 215 et seq.) also with London postmarks.

The use of trade marks, which this presumably is, is not allowed by the Authorities so it would appear that this firm produced a replacement die in breach of regulations, although the actual date on which the Post Office publicised this rule is not known.

Can any member provide information which would help date the latest use of Type 1 or the earliest use of Type 2, or perhaps identify a firm in Chelsea with a trade mark like this?
